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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC):

2017/2018 Income Eligibility Guidelines

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (“Department”) announces adjusted income eligibility guidelines to be used by State agencies in determining the income eligibility of persons applying to participate in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). These income eligibility guidelines are to be used in conjunction with the WIC Regulations.

DATES: Effective date July 1, 2017.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Executive Order 12866:

This notice is exempt from review by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866.

Regulatory Flexibility Act:

This action is not a rule as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612) and thus is exempt from the provisions of this Act.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995:

This notice does not contain reporting or recordkeeping requirements subject to approval by the Office of Management and Budget in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507).

Executive Order 12372:

This program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs under No. 10.557, and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials (7 CFR Part 3015, Subpart V, 48 FR 29100, June 24, 1983, and 49 FR 22675, May 31, 1984).

Description:

Section 17(d)(2)(A) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1786(d)(2)(A)), requires the Secretary of Agriculture to establish income criteria to be used with nutritional risk criteria in determining a person's eligibility for participation in the WIC Program. The law provides that persons will be income-eligible for the WIC Program only if they are members of families that satisfy the income standard prescribed for reduced-price school meals under section 9(b) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(b)). Under section 9(b), the income limit for reduced-price school meals is 185 percent of the Federal poverty guidelines, as adjusted. Section 9(b) also requires that these guidelines be revised annually to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index. The annual revision for 2017 was published by the Department of Health

and Human Services (HHS) at 82 FR 8831, January 31, 2017. The guidelines published by HHS are referred to as the “poverty guidelines.”

Section 246.7(d)(1) of the WIC regulations (Title 7, Code of Federal Regulations) specifies that State agencies may prescribe income guidelines either equaling the income guidelines established under section 9 of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act for reduced-price school meals, or identical to State or local guidelines for free or reduced-price health care. However, in conforming WIC income guidelines to State or local health care guidelines, the State cannot establish WIC guidelines which exceed the guidelines for reduced-price school meals, or which are less than 100 percent of the Federal poverty guidelines. Consistent with the method used to compute income eligibility guidelines for reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program, the poverty guidelines were multiplied by 1.85 and the results rounded upward to the next whole dollar.

At this time, the Department is publishing the maximum and minimum WIC income eligibility guidelines by household size for the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. Consistent with section 17(f)(17) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1786(f)(17)), a State agency may implement the revised WIC income eligibility guidelines concurrently with the implementation of income eligibility guidelines under the Medicaid Program established under Title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396, et seq.). State agencies may coordinate implementation with the revised Medicaid guidelines, i.e., earlier in the year, but in no case may implementation take place later than July 1, 2017. State agencies that do not coordinate implementation with the revised Medicaid guidelines must implement the WIC income eligibility guidelines on or before July 1, 2017.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
(Effective from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018)

Household Size	Federal Poverty Guidelines- 100%					Reduced Price Meals - 185%				
	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly
48 Contiguous States, D.C., Guam and Territories										
1.....	\$12,060	\$1,005	\$503	\$464	\$232	\$22,311	\$1,860	\$930	\$859	\$430
2.....	16,240	1,354	677	625	313	30,044	2,504	1,252	1,156	578
3.....	20,420	1,702	851	786	393	37,777	3,149	1,575	1,453	727
4.....	24,600	2,050	1,025	947	474	45,510	3,793	1,897	1,751	876
5.....	28,780	2,399	1,200	1,107	554	53,243	4,437	2,219	2,048	1,024
6.....	32,960	2,747	1,374	1,268	634	60,976	5,082	2,541	2,346	1,173
7.....	37,140	3,095	1,548	1,429	715	68,709	5,726	2,863	2,643	1,322
8.....	41,320	3,444	1,722	1,590	795	76,442	6,371	3,186	2,941	1,471
Each add'l family	+					+				
member add	\$4,180	+ \$349	+ \$175	+ \$161	+ \$81	\$7,733	+ \$645	+ \$323	+ \$298	+ \$149
Alaska										
1.....	\$15,060	\$1,255	\$628	\$580	\$290	\$27,861	\$2,322	\$1,161	\$1,072	\$536
2.....	20,290	1,691	846	781	391	37,537	3,129	1,565	1,444	722
3.....	25,520	2,127	1,064	982	491	47,212	3,935	1,968	1,816	908
4.....	30,750	2,563	1,282	1,183	592	56,888	4,741	2,371	2,188	1,094
5.....	35,980	2,999	1,500	1,384	692	66,563	5,547	2,774	2,561	1,281
6.....	41,210	3,435	1,718	1,585	793	76,239	6,354	3,177	2,933	1,467
7.....	46,440	3,870	1,935	1,787	894	85,914	7,160	3,580	3,305	1,653
8.....	51,670	4,306	2,153	1,988	994	95,590	7,966	3,983	3,677	1,839
Each add'l family	+					+				
member add	\$5,230	+ \$436	+ \$218	+ \$202	+ \$101	\$9,676	+ \$807	+ \$404	+ \$373	+ \$187
Hawaii										
1.....	\$13,860	\$1,155	\$578	\$534	\$267	\$25,641	\$2,137	\$1,069	\$987	\$494
2.....	18,670	1,556	778	719	360	34,540	2,879	1,440	1,329	665
3.....	23,480	1,957	979	904	452	43,438	3,620	1,810	1,671	836
4.....	28,290	2,358	1,179	1,089	545	52,337	4,362	2,181	2,013	1,007
5.....	33,100	2,759	1,380	1,274	637	61,235	5,103	2,552	2,356	1,178
6.....	37,910	3,160	1,580	1,459	730	70,134	5,845	2,923	2,698	1,349
7.....	42,720	3,560	1,780	1,644	822	79,032	6,586	3,293	3,040	1,520
8.....	47,530	3,961	1,981	1,829	915	87,931	7,328	3,664	3,382	1,691
Each add'l family	+					+				
member add	\$4,810	+ \$401	+ \$201	+ \$185	+ \$93	\$8,899	+ \$742	+ \$371	+ \$343	+ \$172

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
Supplemental Chart for Family Sizes Greater Than Eight
(Effective from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018)

Household Size	Federal Poverty Guidelines- 100%					Reduced Price Meals - 185%				
	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly
48 Contiguous States, D.C., Guam and Territories										
9.....	\$45,500	\$3,792	\$1,896	\$1,750	\$875	\$84,175	\$7,015	\$3,508	\$3,238	\$1,619
10.....	49,680	4,140	2,070	1,911	956	91,908	7,659	3,830	3,535	1,768
11.....	53,860	4,489	2,245	2,072	1,036	99,641	8,304	4,152	3,833	1,917
12.....	58,040	4,837	2,419	2,233	1,117	107,374	8,948	4,474	4,130	2,065
13.....	62,220	5,185	2,593	2,394	1,197	115,107	9,593	4,797	4,428	2,214
14.....	66,400	5,534	2,767	2,554	1,277	122,840	10,237	5,119	4,725	2,363
15.....	70,580	5,882	2,941	2,715	1,358	130,573	10,882	5,441	5,023	2,512
16.....	74,760	6,230	3,115	2,876	1,438	138,306	11,526	5,763	5,320	2,660
Each add'l family member add	+ \$4,180	+ \$349	+ \$175	+ \$161	+ \$81	+ \$7,733	+ \$645	+ \$323	+ \$298	+ \$149
Alaska										
9.....	\$56,900	\$4,742	\$2,371	\$2,189	\$1,095	\$105,265	\$8,773	\$4,387	\$4,049	\$2,025
10.....	62,130	5,178	2,589	2,390	1,195	114,941	9,579	4,790	4,421	2,211
11.....	67,360	5,614	2,807	2,591	1,296	124,616	10,385	5,193	4,793	2,397
12.....	72,590	6,050	3,025	2,792	1,396	134,292	11,191	5,596	5,166	2,583
13.....	77,820	6,485	3,243	2,994	1,497	143,967	11,998	5,999	5,538	2,769
14.....	83,050	6,921	3,461	3,195	1,598	153,643	12,804	6,402	5,910	2,955
15.....	88,280	7,357	3,679	3,396	1,698	163,318	13,610	6,805	6,282	3,141
16.....	93,510	7,793	3,897	3,597	1,799	172,994	14,417	7,209	6,654	3,327
Each add'l family member add	+ \$5,230	+ \$436	+ \$218	+ \$202	+ \$101	+ \$9,676	+ \$807	+ \$404	+ \$373	+ \$187
Hawaii										
9.....	\$52,340	\$4,362	\$2,181	\$2,014	\$1,007	\$96,829	\$8,070	\$4,035	\$3,725	\$1,863
10.....	57,150	4,763	2,382	2,199	1,100	105,728	8,811	4,406	4,067	2,034
11.....	61,960	5,164	2,582	2,384	1,192	114,626	9,553	4,777	4,409	2,205
12.....	66,770	5,565	2,783	2,569	1,285	123,525	10,294	5,147	4,751	2,376
13.....	71,580	5,965	2,983	2,754	1,377	132,423	11,036	5,518	5,094	2,547
14.....	76,390	6,366	3,183	2,939	1,470	141,322	11,777	5,889	5,436	2,718
15.....	81,200	6,767	3,384	3,124	1,562	150,220	12,519	6,260	5,778	2,889
16.....	86,010	7,168	3,584	3,309	1,655	159,119	13,260	6,630	6,120	3,060
Each add'l family member add	+ \$4,810	+ \$401	+ \$201	+ \$185	+ \$93	+ \$8,899	+ \$742	+ \$371	+ \$343	+ \$172

The table of this Notice contains the income limits by household size for the 48 contiguous States, the District of Columbia, and all United States Territories, including Guam. Separate tables for Alaska and Hawaii have been included for the convenience of the State agencies because the poverty guidelines for Alaska and Hawaii are higher than for the 48 contiguous States.

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